

The Oregonian

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, FEB. 13, 1886.

"LAWFUL" FORSOOTH!

One of the organs of discord and riot says the so-called convention here will be a "peaceful meeting," that no violent proceeding or disturbance of any kind is intended, that it merely to "a conference of law-abiding citizens," and that no idea whatever of force can result from it. "Lawfulness," which the "law-givers" is designed to inaugurate and support,

This is ingrateful insincerity of speech, or a cowardly device to cover a retreat. What has your chief leader and organizer, the brazen adventurer from California, said? That was the purpose to make the Chinese go from Portland, "peacefully if you can, forcibly if you must." If necessary, "shed blood." He said also in a statement which the other day organizes disorder and riot published and commented:

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The much-bred organ might have spared itself the expense of putting this type of pitiful shew, the burden of which was "We were just in fun," and the effect, if which seems to have been to deepen public contempt for its utterances. The deepest sense in this line had been reached before, hence this was a work of supererogation. Equally unnecessary was its assertion that it is intended, totally defenseless organ, to come to the rescue of the Chinese, and to suppose that there would be any fresh fire from that office. The *Standard* may be all along assured that the mission of Portland squatters and their organ is to stir up strife, without sounding its loudest note of warning. Let no man persuade himself that the means proposed are "lawful" and "lawful" means. The gravity of the situation, in the light of what has transpired at Seattle, lies this earnest appeal. Men, don't at tempt what your so-called leaders have proposed. Their advice will betray, and may destroy you!

H. W. S. OF ALL THINGS

These newspapers of Portland that have been talking for months past in a way to promote and incite riot, and have harbored about "boycotting" the journals which disownance proceedings lead up to not, as well as all who read them and do business with them, are beginning to find out that there is a real kind of "boycotting" of which they in their stupidity had no conception. The business classes of Portland don't want riot, and are letting the papers that would precipitate riot know it. Consequently the *New Standard* has begun to do the same. The *Standard* is the organ to which they have been so long pandering and not the class that has been harped on with business, as the two organs are finding out. Just let them inflame the turbulent sort in Portland to its point of riot, and they will be made to know, as they never knew or imagined before, what "boycotting" is. The business of Portland is not going to support newspapers that would precipitate riot and bloodshed, bring disgrace and loss upon the city and companies who vainly try to go to work to redress the wrongs of the people. No longer can the papers of Portland, and other organizations, ignore the facts. The news and the spirit that exists in all communities has been worked up to the very point of rage here. Preparation and repression will present it, but at great inconvenience and at heavy cost of money and of all the resources that a community can command. All of the resources that affect a community are worked up to a point where any movement of social order and disruption of the public peace.

THE DUY AT SEATTLE

It can not be that the people of Seattle will continue under military authority. It would be a lasting discredit to the place and a permanent injury to its business. But the spirit of riot, deepened into revenge and hate by its events of the past week, is in the air. The presence of armed force alone secures order. What then, is to be done? In a city the size of Seattle's great majority of people seem to be in the mood to do what is right, and to stand up for their rights.

The side-brother from California tries to keep one of his organs that he had at East Portland on Tuesday night that if the Chinese did not "roll" when ordered to do so the consequences would be bloodshed. We have the word of a score of old and responsible citizens of East Portland that THE OREGONIAN's statement was substantially correct. And it tends their words more than that of any vagabond agitator whatever.

Now you are thinking what, you upholders of "order" and "right." You will go to law, but now think with us on the play that you must have on the killing. Ah, yes. And you are as foolish, and even ignorant, to find that any one ever thought your programme could lead to such a result. You are roaring gaily now, gaily as the "war office" day night.

The vagabond agitators of riot, at first the wrong place when they came to Portland. And their organ, the *Standard*, and vice, misjudged the temper of these people when they imposed their riot could be safely encouraged by it.

The first of the needs of Seattle is ridance of the dirt, vagabonds and vagabonds who created the tumults of last Sunday and Monday. The local laws relating to vagabondage and the like

should be made severe and enforced to the letter, and all persons convicted of the same should be sent to the state prison for life. This would end the city's trouble.

The experience at Seattle illustrates the dangers of an irresponsible police force. If the six men who form the police of the city had at tempted to enforce the law at the beginning, the riot never would have occurred. I see that six shots from the Home Guard, even at the supreme moment of tumult, did the business, and a average into fight to the discharge. Such duties may well be demanded in the event of future trouble, but the record of the Home Guard is not noted in the city, and results of it are dredged up of a general, rather than of an individual character, and the A. S. A. people, under such circumstances, will fail to think of fighting in a case of self-defense.

What is the result of inaction and support?

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